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IREP IN A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) is not giving desired results in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a),(b)&(c): The Integrated Rural Energy Programme (IREP) was implemented in Andaman & Nicobar Islands through the Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Under the programme, energy surveys of different Islands/Blocks/ areas were conducted to assess the energy requirements of rural households for cooking, lighting and heating purposes. Seminars, awareness camps & training programmes were also organised in the rural areas.

So far, 182 biogas plants, 40,333 improved chulhas, 7,252 solar lanterns, 69 solar home systems, 25 solar street lights and 2,870 improved kerosene stoves have been installed / distributed in these islands under the various renewable energy programmes.

The Ministry has discontinued IREP from the 11th Plan i.e. 1st April, 2007 onwards, as the programme has already demonstrated its objectives.